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To WILLIAM BRONAUGH

Mount Vernon, January 18, 1775.

Dr. Sir: The draft on the other side shews the Interest that four of us have in the Patent that was granted to you and others for 7894 acres of Land on the great Kanhawa, but as Colo. Muse and I had another Patent adjoining this granted to Us and as it was more convenient to us both to have our Lands in a Body than in detached Pieces, we agreed upon an exchange, so that the two thousand acres I am to have of you, will be added to his own hundred and make his interest in the Patent of 7894 acres 2100 he having lately wrote to me to have a division of this Tract, I informed him that I knew of no method of doing this soon or indeed better than by numbering 3 Tickets and drawing for them the Person drawing No. 1 to have his quantity of Land be it more or less laid off at the upper end of the Tract, as by the supposed line AB the Person drawing No. 2 to have his next as by the other supposed line CD and the third number to take his quantity at the lower end as I know no difference in the quality of the land and if there was each Person having an equal Chance to get it, I could not think of any better method, Colo. Muse and the Doctr. both agree to this and if you consent and will empower Colo. Peyton or some other at Williamsbg to draw for you I will desire the Doctr. to do the same, by which means we can ascertain the part of the tract where each Persons Lott is to be; divide it on the Plot giving each man his due Quantity and have a Partition Deed drawn ready for execution the Lines may be run and marked At any time thereafter, but for fear of death the Partition

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Deed should not be delayed; I mention this matter as the best expedient I can think of, if you approve of it please write me as soon as possible that I may have time to send to Doct. Craik to request his appointment of some Person in Williamsbg to act for him, before I set off for that place which I expect will happen about the 12th. of next month. I remain, etc.